

Amendments to the Specification

- 1) **Abstract.** Please replace the abstract with the following to implement the change recommended by the examiner:
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ABSTRACT: A telephone (100) is configurable to automatically dial an area code selected from an area code selection pad (104). Once selected, the selected area code is automatically prepended to subsequent outgoing calls until a different area code is selected. A processor (212) implements a safety feature which overrides the automated system when emergency numbers are called. With this system, repetitive dialing of the area code for consecutive calls to the same area code is eliminated.

Request for Constructive Assistance

The undersigned believe the application is in full condition for allowance. The applicants respectfully request the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner in making constructive suggestions pursuant to MPEP 706.03(d) in order that this application can be placed in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings. The applicants can be reached at the phone numbers below.

Very respectfully,



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